GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1648
ANSWERED ON:27.02.2003
SCAM IN ACQUIRING DEFENCE PROPERTY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some defence officials were found assisting the former Chairman of Punjab Public Service Commission involved in the scam in acquiring the Defence property in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated value of the Defence property involved; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1648 27.2.2003

Yes, Sir. A case relating to alleged involvement of Defence Estate authorities of Ambala Cantonment about irregularities committed in the sale/transfer of Defence Old Grant property known as `Masonic Lodge` in Kasauli Cantonment, Himachal Pradesh, wherein the former Chairman, Punjab Public Service Commission is involved, came to the notice of the Ministry.

The estimated value of the land and the reconstructed structure thereon works out to Rs. 21,05,605/- and Rs. 24,31,000/- respectively.

As a result of the Joint Inquiry, Disciplinary Proceedings against the Defence Estate Officer for the serious lapses committed in the sale/transfer of the said property was initiated and he was suspended. It has also been decided to resume the property and orders of the Ministry have been issued.